

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-17 were allowed. Claim 18 was rejected. Claims 19-20 were allowable if re-written in independent form with any intervening claims.

Claim 19 has been incorporated into claim 18; hence claim 18 should now be allowable. Claim 19 has been cancelled.

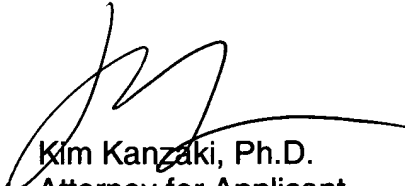
Claim 20 has been amended to have the correct claim dependency and should now be allowable.

CONCLUSION

All claims should now be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, the applicants' attorney can be reached at Tel: 408-879-6149 (Pacific Standard Time).

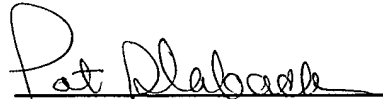
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